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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Oranienburg airfield between 17 August and 21 September 1954:

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17 August. Between 2015 and about midnight, local individual flights were made by about 4 Po-2s.

18 August. Between 0700 and 1400, there was air activity by Po-2s. Up to 5 aircraft were simultaneously aloft, while 2 or 3 Po-2s were parked at the field.

19 August to 2 September. The possibilities of observation were considerably limited. Flying was occasionally practiced by Po-2s, in particular during the morning of 25 August, during the evening until about midnight on 27 August, and during the morning on 2 September.

3 to 21 September. Night flying was practiced on 3, 9 and 21 September. On the other days, take-offs and landings were repeatedly observed. 1

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2. The following air activity and aircraft were seen between 2 and 15 September:

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2 September. Between 0940 and 1120, take-offs were made by biplanes which made short local flights of about 5 minutes. The take-offs and landings were made to the south. Six Po-2s were aloft at the same time. No pattern in the air activity was observed. The aircraft apparently practiced mainly take-offs and landings and flew at altitudes varying between 50 and 300 meters. At times, the taxiing aircraft stopped at a point in line with the middle of the runway where they were refueled from tank trucks and exchanged the pilots. About 30 soldiers were seen at this point.

7 September. Between 1000 and 1045, no air activity was observed.

9 September. Air activity was started at 1930. Up to 6 Po-2s were simultaneously aloft. They took off and landed at short intervals. While approaching for landing, the engines were sometimes throttled to such an extent that they appeared to be stopped. It was once observed that the two members of a crew shouted some words to each other. In the northern section of the field, only the guardhouse at the entrance was lighted. A red lamp, 3 to 4 meters above the ground, was switched on at the southern end of the runway. Seven red lamps were placed along the eastern side of the runway beginning approximately in the middle of the runway.

10 September. At 1145, no air activity was observed.

13 September. Between 0945 and 1045, no flights were made.

15 September. Between 0830 and 0945, there was no air activity. Firing practices with carbines and submachine guns were heard from the northwestern corner of the field.

4. No special military activity was observed in the Weisse Stadt Settlement up to 15 September. Some soldiers were occasionally engaged in maintenance work on the parked motor vehicles. Gymnastic exercises with poles etc. were occasionally held. On 13 September, painter's work was being done in various quartering buildings.¹ Vehicular traffic observed in the Weisse Stadt Settlement involved sedan [redacted] and trucks

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5. Unit Koslov. According to observations made during the first half of September, the Unit Koslov in the Weisse Stadt Settlement had an estimated strength of 300 to 350 men. Building No 2 was occupied by EM and the buildings Nos 16 and 17 were occupied by officers. The personnel used the 1st, 2nd and 4th entrances of building No 1. This building housed officers billets, the officer kitchen and messhall, and the dispensary. Two HC shops also were in building No 16. Trucks [redacted] were observed parked in front of the quartering buildings on various days.

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6. Unit Ilyashuk. This unit had an estimated strength of 100 men. One room with 8 beds and another room with 15 beds in building No 1 were occupied by the unit. On the ground floor of the second entrance of the building was a plate with an inscription and the numbers 06884.

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The buildings Nos 54 and 55 were occupied by officers. Captain Ilyashuk (fnu) was on furlough in early September and meanwhile was replaced by a sergeant. On 8 September, sedan [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were parked in front of building No 1.

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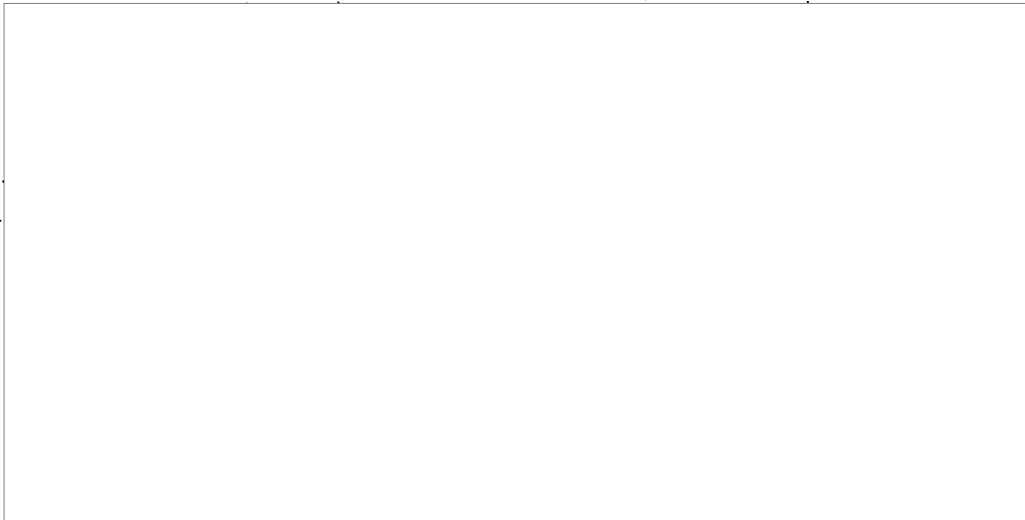
7. Unit Trofimshuk. A craftsman who also served as interpreter stated that Trofimshuk was the supply officer or unit commander. The unit used the building No 43, the former Villa Winkler as EM quarter, and the buildings Nos 56 and 57 as officers billets. Some officer dependents were also quartered there. 1 Sedan [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were seen in the Weisse Stadt Settlement. 2

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